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FWP SEEKS PUBLIC COMMENT ON OPEN WATER FISHING CONTESTS

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks is seeking public comment on fishing contests proposed for the open water season of 2013. Participants must comply with state fishing regulations, including daily and possession limits. Most contests require catch-and-release fishing and participants in these contests may not keep any fish.

Applications for contests may be approved, denied or approved with conditions. Conditions placed on contests may help to minimize fish mortality, regulate harvest, reduce user conflicts or require additional access site maintenance when needed.

Information on the proposed contests is on the FWP web site, or call 406-444-2449. The public may comment on the proposed contests through Jan. 21st before FWP acts on the applications.

Comments may be sent to FWP Fisheries Bureau, P.O. Box 200701, Helena, MT, 59620 or emailed to jlwindon@mt.gov. Here is a list of the proposed summer fishing contests for 2013:

Proposed 2013 Open Water Derbies

Reg#	Date	Contest Name	Waterbody
1	March 8 2013 thru May 19, 2013	Spring Mack Days	Flathead Lake
1	May 4-5, 2013	ABA West	Noxon Rapids Reservoir
1	May 4-5, 2013	Mike Sloan Memorial Tournament	Noxon Rapids Reservoir
1	May 4, 2013	Northwest Montana Kayak Fishing Series #1	Whitefish Lake
1	May 18, 2013	Koocanusa Resort & Marina 11th Annual Trout and Salmon Derby	Lake Koocanusa
1	May 18-19, 2013	TBF Invitational	Noxon Rapids Reservoir
1	June 1, 2013	Northwest Montana Kayak Fishing Series #2	Flathead Lake
1	June 8-9, 2013	ABA West	Noxon Rapids Reservoir
1	June 15-16, 2013	Fathers Day Family Fishing Festival	Thompson Chain of Lakes
1	July 6-7, 2013	Tobacco Valley Rod & Gun Club Rainbow & Salmon Derby	Lake Koocanusa - Bridge to Border
1	July 27-28, 2013	ABA West	Noxon Rapids Reservoir
1	July 27-28,	Tri-State Bass Tournament	Noxon Rapids Reservoir

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1	August 17-18, 2013	Montana B.A.S.S. Federation Nation Qualifier	Noxon Rapids Reservoir
1	August 24-25, 2013	Great Montana Mac Attack/Whitefish Jigfest	Flathead Lake
1	September 7, 2013	Northwest Montana Kayak Fishing Series #3	Thompson Lake, Middle
1	September 20, 2013 thru November 17, 2013	Fall Mack Days	Flathead Lake
1	October 5, 2013	Northwest Montana Kayak Fishing Series #4	Foy's Lake Park
2	June 8-9, 2013	Mister Pike Classic	Seeley Lake and Salmon Lake
3	June 15, 2013	Livingston Firefighters Annual Kids Fishing Derby	Sacajawea Park Lagoon
4	May 17-19, 2013	Fort Benton Spring Classic Fishing Derby	Missouri River
4	June 8, 2013	Canyon Ferry Carp Safari	Canyon Ferry Reservoir
4	June 16, 2013	Father's Day Fish Derby	Newlan Creek Reservoir
4	June 22-23, 2013	Canyon Ferry Walleye Festival	Canyon Ferry Reservoir
4	July 13, 2013	Broadwater Rod and Gun Walleye Derby	Canyon Ferry Reservoir
4	July 27-28, 2013	Tiber Walleye Tournament	Tiber Reservoir
4	August 3, 2013	Camp-Mak-A-Dream Walleye Benefit	Canyon Ferry Reservoir
4	August 10, 2013	John Arnold Fish Derby	Hauser Reservoir
4	August 11, 2013	MRF Carp Rodeo (formerly Sinking Tip Scramble)	Missouri River
5	April 27-28, 2013	ABA Yellowtail: Ok-A-Beh Invitational	Yellowtail Reservoir
5	May 12, 2013	6th Annual Yellowstone Challenge	Yellowstone River
5	June 28, 2013	Bighorn River Alliance Carp Festival	Yellowtail Lake
6	April 20, 2013	Jordan Tough Guy Tournament	Fort Peck Reservoir
6	June 1, 2013	14th Annual Milk River Catfish Classic	Milk River
6	June 1-2, 2013	Montana B.A.S.S. Federation Nation Qualifier	Fort Peck Reservoir
6	June 1-2, 2013	Rock Creek Walleye Tournament	Fort Peck Reservoir
6	June 8-9, 2013	ABA Hell Creek Tournament	Fort Peck Reservoir
6	June 8-9, 2013	Fresno Challenge	Fresno Reservoir
6	July 27, 2013	Hell Creek Ladies Fishing Tournament	Fort Peck Reservoir
6	June 22-24, 2013	13th Annual Pikemasters Public Tournament	Fort Peck Reservoir

6	July 11-13, 2013	26th Annual Montana Governor's Cup Walleye Tournament	Fort Peck Reservoir
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6	July 27-28, 2013	ABA Yellowtail: Barry's Landing Invitational	Yellowtail Reservoir
6	August 3, 2013	Women's Walleye Tournament	Fort Peck Reservoir
6	August 10-11, 2013	Fall Classic Walleye Tournament	Fort Peck Reservoir
6	August 17, 2013	Fishin' For the Cure	Fort Peck Reservoir
6	September 21- 22, 2013	ABA Fort Peck: Hell Creek Invitational	Fort Peck Lake & Reservoir
6	September 28- 29, 2013	TBF Invitational	Fort Peck Reservoir
7	April 27, 2013	Tongue River Marina Derby	Tongue River
7	June 8, 2013	Savage Volunteer Fire Dept Catfish Tournament	Yellowstone River
7	July 13, 2013	Northeast Montana Monster Catfish Round-up	Yellowstone River